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Pulliam grant to aid "Outdoor Experience"

The Indiana Natural Resources Foundation has received a \$45,000 grant from the Nina Mason Pulliam Charitable Trust to support the Hoosier Outdoor Experience at Fort Harrison State Park in September.

"The Nina Mason Pulliam Charitable Trust realizes that interaction with our natural environment is critical for a child's development in every major way," Department of Natural Resources director Robert E. Carter Jr. said. "We are honored to accept their investment in the Hoosier Outdoor Experience to help introduce and educate children and adults about the natural heritage that is their birthright."

The Nina Mason Pulliam Charitable Trust was established in 1997 to support causes she loved in her home states of Arizona and Indiana. The Trust seeks to help people in need, especially women, children and families; to protect animals and nature; and to enrich a community life in the metropolitan areas of Indianapolis and Phoenix.

The Hoosier Outdoor Experience is an extension of the Urban Family Outdoors and Step Outside programs that the Trust funded in 2005 and 2006. Those programs paired families familiar with the great outdoors with underserved families.

The Hoosier Outdoor Experience expands on that model by partnering with outdoor recreation and conservation organizations to facilitate activities and further connect new users to the outdoors.

Presented by the DNR and the Indiana Natural Resources Foundation, this is a first-of-its-kind opportunity for aspiring outdoor enthusiasts to experience in a hands-on, interactive fashion the full range of recreational opportunities available across Indiana. The Indiana Natural Resources Foundation is a not-for-profit organization which raises funds to support and sustain the educational and scientific programs of the Indiana Department of Natural Resources.

The Hoosier Outdoor Experience is free and open to the public on Sept. 26-27 at Fort Harrison State Park.

Learn more about the Hoosier Outdoor Experience at hoosieroutdoorexperience.in.gov.

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